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An . . . Accomplice

WAS sitting in my consulting room and wondering I was young, well qualified and not wanting in a modicum of confidence in my professional abilities, but for the services of my humble self, John Hardman, M. D., there seemed to be no demand at all in the great city.

My melancholy meditations were cut short by the din of my front door bell, and presently a gentleman was ushered into my presence.

"Dr. Hardman, I believe?" said the newcomer. "Allow me to introduce myself. I am Mr. Thomes Sharp of Rose Villa. I live in your neighborhood."

After expressing my pleasure at making his acquaintance I required if I could be any service to him.

"You are a busy man, I expect, doctor," said he and then paused, while I mendaciously hinted that such indeed was the case, "But possibly you will be able to find me a little time in a professional capacity,"

I informed him that of course I could do so.

"Well, I may tell you at once," he went on pleasantly, "I am as sound as a bell myself, but I wish to engage your good services for my niece. She is young and inclined to be delicate, I think, and wants a little toning up, and, as I happen to know some particulars about you and your career entirely to your credit, I am going to place her under your care."

I put in a few hurried words expressive of my pleasure in undertaking the charge and was going on to make some inquires as to my patient's health and manner of life, but my voluble friend cut me short.

"You are the only son of the late John Hardman of Blankley hall," he interrupted. "I used to know your part of the country, and I know that you are the only surviving member of that good old Hardman stock. Never mind how I came to know it. I also know that your father came to grief over the X——bank failure, and that it has been an uphill game for you since in consequence I am pleased to see how well you are now getting on."

Mr. Sharp continued to ramble on in this strain for some time, giving me little information about himself, but, to my astonishment, revealing no little knowledge of my history. Our meeting terminated very cordially, and he departed after receiving my acceptance of a pressing invitation to dine with him at Rose Villa on the following evening.

Rose Villa turned out to be a very charming and well appointed domicile. I had made a few inquiries indirectly through Polly (Polly was my smart little parlor maid), and it seemed that Mr. Sharp was a gentleman of means, with no ostensible profession, who had been for about two years in his present abode. His niece, a young lady of taking appearance, in Polly's opinion, was the only other member of the household, and they were not favored by many if any callers. So much for amatuer detective work. My early impressions of Rose Villa and of Grace Fairleigh, my lovely patient, were distinctly pleasing.

Mr. Sharp made a capital host. He was cheery and entertaining, and Miss Fairleigh, a fair haired, blue eyed, handsome girl, was as gracious as she was beautiful. She was an accomplished musician, playing well and singing with a voice that for tone and sweetness is rarely equaled in a suburban drawing room. They gave me that pronounced luxury, a really good dinner, and I spent a most enjoyable evening afterward.

Miss Fairleigh and I became friends almost at once, I was drawn toward her as much by her half veiled shyness and maidenly manner as by her rich beauty. That which appealed to my curiosity in connection with my visits to Rose Villa was my inability to fathom Mr. Sharp's motive in having retained my services for his niece. She enjoyed perfect health.

I was requested by Mr. Sharp to call daily, and I did so most conscientiously, but that Miss Fairleigh derived any benefit from my medicines (if she took them) I am not prepared to admit, though a check which was forced upon me at early date was very acceptable, and I could not afford to quarrel with my bread and butter.

Three months passed away. I was absurdly happy. I suppose I must have been a "gone coon" from the first. I know that I was now over head and ears in love with Grace, and, although I had not divulged my secret to her by an open proposal of marriage, she was not ignorant as to how matters stood with with me from a cardiac point of view; neither, as I rightly gathered a little later, was her uncle.

I was only waiting for a "looking upward" in my practice to plead my love with fervor and all the eloquence I could command. But the pratice did not "look up." Indeed, things financial were becoming worse and worse with me. Bills rained down upon me with monotonous regularity, and I was becoming desperate.

One evening after I had been dining with the Sharps my host invited me into his study for a smoke. I felt that something was in the wind, an my surmisal was not incorrect.

"You are looking gloomy tonight, Hardman," he remarked after we had selected chairs and relapsed into comfortable attitudes. "You are in trouble—in trouble financially, eh? I knew it, and you will find it to your advantage to be plain with me."

I hardly knew how to express myself, and confessed lamely enough that I was more or less on my last legs. He continued without comment:

"You are also, I think, in love with Gracie. Is it not so?"

"It is quite true, Mr. Sharp."

"Then why don't you marry her?"

My compainion gazed into my face, a comical smile playing about his lips. His bluntness positively amazed me.

"I fear that what cannot support one would be a poor living for two," I said after a moment's thought. "If I could afford to marry your neice, I would gladly do so tomorrow."

"You mean that?"

"Most certainly I do. I love her."

He arose from his chair and stood beside me, looking into my eyes steadily.

"Listen, Hardman. Gracie is a lady by birth and education. She is also as good a girl as ever breathed. She has no relations in the world saving myself, and I may have to leave her at any time I have made inquiries about you, and I know your past to be a clean one. Given a helping hand at the start, you would succeed at the finish. Tell me, how much would you require to buy a good practice or to start in a fair way against ordinary opposition?"

I was becoming more and more astonished. Was the man going to adopt me?

"It would be possible to do the thing decently for £3,000, would it not?" he said presently, for I had felt too taken aback to volunteer any suggestions. He waited for a reply.

"I could go into partnership with an old friend of my father for less than that," I answered. "Dr. Jordan offered to give me a share for £1,500 when I passed my 'final,' but I could not find the capital."

"Where does Jordan live?"

"In Birmingham."

"Is the practice a good one and can you trust him?"

"There is no boubt about the practice, and Jordon is an excellent fellow, an old bachelor, and if he had not lost a lot of money when we did in the same concern would have been a rich man to-day.

Sharp laid a heavy hand on my shoulder.

"Go and ask Grace to marry you," he said in low voice. "I am sure that she will do so. On your wedding day I will give her £3,000, and I will give you £2,000 tomorrow, with which you can settle your affairs here and arrange with Jordan, the condition being that you ask no questions and undertake to marry this month.

"But, Mr. Sharp," I cried, "such magnanimity, I"—

"Go and ask Gracie."

He pointed to the door, waving aside my remonstrance, and I followed the direction of his finger as one in a dream. That evening I left Rosa Villa the bridegroom elect of Grace Fairleigh, and with a check for £2,000 in my coat pocket.

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The wedding passed off very quietly. Only a fortnight had elapsed since my queer interview with Mr. Sharp, but in that short time a marvelous change had taken place in my affairs. I had purchased a share of Dr. Jordan's practice in Birmingham, had cleared myself of debt and was now the happy husband of the beautiful girl I loved.

I could scarcely believe it all. Why had this mysterous Sharp done so much for me? I was soon to be enlightened. The breakfast was over. The company had consisted of Gracie, her uncle and myself. We had entertained no wedding guests. My wife had gone up stairs to prepare for our departure. We were going to Paris for a fortnight and then should proceed to Birmingham, our new home.

"I want to speak to you, Hardman," said Sharp. "We will go into the study."

He took my arm and we strolled into his snuggery.

"You think I have been very good to you, then?" He was leaning back in an arm chair and smoking the stump of a half finished cigar. "Well, why have I been good to you?"

He paused, and I said that I could not tell.

"I have been good to you for Gracie's sake. I have been looking out for a husband for her for some time, but in our position it was not an easy task. I required a man I could trust, a gentleman by birth and nature, one who would love her and be good to her, one who had no meddlesome relatives to interfere or advise. I think I have been successful."

I assured him that I should do all I could to justify his selection. He nodded and went on speaking:

"I had no friends. Although I had some money, it was not easy to find the man I wanted, who would marry her, having only my word for her past and knowing nothing of my career, who would marry her without asking questions, as you have done. I heard about you as a struggling practitioner, newly started. I took stock of you, as I have taken stock of others who were found wanting in some of the qualities I required. I made inquiries about your past and then I took you on trial. You have satisfied me, and I don't think you will regret the step you have taken."

I told him that I was more than satisfied.

"I am glad to hear it," he said.

"And now you must promise me that Gracie shall never know what I am going to tell you."

I gave him the promise.

"Swear that you will never tell her and that you will be the same to her always as you are to-day. She is a dear good girl, the one person in the world who believes in me and cares for me. You are both provided for, and after this day you will never see me again."

I stared at him, and he held out his hand to me.

"Swear what I have asked you; by all that you hold sacred swear."

I took his hand and complied with his wish.

"Why shall we not see you again?" I asked when he had resumed his seat.

He laughed. Then, selecting a pen from a small collection on a writing table, he wrote on the back of an envelope and tossed the paper over to me.

"What is that?" he asked, and I looked upon it with amazement.

"It is my signature," I faltered. "An imitation of my signature."

"It is a forgery is it not?"

"Yes, but I don't quite see the drift of the business."

"The business speaks for itself, my dear fellow." And he tossed his cigar end into the grate. "It is my business—I am a forger!" There was a pause. Sharp was smiling, while I felt as if some one were pouring ice water down the small of my back. I could only murmur, "You are a forger!"

"Listen! You know of course, that Gracie's mother was my sister. The Sharps were poor as church mice, and my father, a strict old parson, got me into a London office when I was a mere boy. I shall not drivel about temptation and so on. Be it enough to say that my talent for drawing and penmanship made me friendless for life before I was 17 years of age. To be quite plain with you, I spent the halcyon days of dawning manhood in Portland prison. Gracie knows nothing of this, and no member of my family had heard of me for years until I came to the rescue of my sister when old Fairleigh died, for I was well off then. Fairleigh was not insured, and left my sister bad off, and so I helped her out and paid for Gracie's education.

"The story goes that I made my money in America, but I am able to correct that statement for your benefit. On my release from prison, I threw in my lot with two of the most daring criminals of the 'high grade,' and although we have had some narrow shaves in our time, we were never captured.

"Since Gracie came to live with me (her mother, as you know, died a year ago) I have often feared that by some odd chance I might be run to earth, and I set to work to get her settled in time in a position that she had always enjoyed. I would rather die than she should know me for the villian I have been.

"Thanks to you this will never happen now. In a few days you will hear that I have gone abroad. I shall die there officially, and you will hear of me no more. It will be your part to assist me in deceiving Grace in this one matter. You have married a lady and one who will do you credit."

A tap came at the door, and my lovely young wife walked into the room. I was looking and feeling confused.

"I have been giving Jack some wholesome advice, my dear," said Sharp, coming to my rescue. Then in a sterner voice and looking very hard at me: "He will love and cherish you, dear, as I have done. He has sworn to do so."

Grace threw her arms about his neck. This man had taught her to love him very dearly. The carriage was at the door, and Sharp give me no chance of speaking to him again. Tears were glistening in his eyes as he watched his niece getting into the cab, but he did not offer his hand to me. He only laid it on my shoulder and whispered, "Remember."

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Many years have passed away, and I am living in London again. My name is a household word in the world of medicine. Gracie and my daughters and sons are received with pleasure and respect in many a fashionable drawing room. There are times, however, when, seated alone in my study, my thoughts wander back to a vista of years, and my conscience tells me that my success was founded on the compounding of a felony; that I am still, in spite of title, wealth and respectability the accomplice of that strange man who passed out of my life forever on the night I bade him farewell at Rose Villa so long, long ago.

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Washington . . . Letter

REPRESENTATIVE Babcock, of Wisconsin, whose able management was a potent factor in the Republican Congressional victories of '94 and '96, is again to be chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, and representative Mercer, of Nebraska, who was his able lieutenant in the last campaign, is to be re-elected secretary of the committee. It is complimentary to these gentlemen that in the reorganization of the committee for this year's campaign, no other names have been mentioned for their position. Notwithstanding the hocdoo which has so often resulted in the defeat of the party in power at the first Congressional election after the installation of the new administration, the members of the Republican committee are preparing to enter the coming campaign with a determiniation to win, and the full expectation that the intelligent sentiment of the country is behind the Republican policy that is giving back prosperity to the country.

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Not a single Senator who has spoken against the ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii has presented a convincing argument against annexation; consequently those Senators who were for a time in doubt have nearly all announced the intention to vote for annexation and the ratification of the treaty is now assured when a vote is taken. Knowing this, Senator Davis, who as chairman of the committee on foreign relations has charge of the treaty, is patiently waiting until its opponents have been given an opportunity to say their say before taking any steps to force a vote. President Dole has started for home, but he will make several stops on his way to San Francisco, from which port he expects, to sail on or about the 22nd inst. Every effort to get him to talk about the pending annexation treaty, for publication, failed, owing to his correct ideas of propriety. During his stay in Washington, Mr. Dole proved himself to be a gentleman, a scholar, and a statesman, whom every patriotic American will be glad to welcome as a fellow citizen.

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The President and members of the cabinet are loth to accept the general idea that Germany, in shutting out American fruits, even partially, and in th eatening to shut out American horses, is acting upon a general plan of tariff retalliation, but if the official investigation now being made shall show that such is the case, action will be taken that will be sure to cause deep regret on the part of Germany, No country on earth is so well fixed to play the game of commercial retalliation as the United States. Our Ambassador to Germany has already given the German government a hint of our willingness to play the game with any country that makes the first move against us, and the indications are that the hint will be sufficient to convince the Kaiser of the wisdom of prudence.

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The changing of Hon. Ethen Allen Hitchcock, of Mo., from U. S. minister to U. S. ambassador to Russia, by President McKinley, has no particular significance, political or otherwise. It was done at the request of Russia, and was in accordance with the policy adopted by the U. S. a few years ago, to raise our ministers to the rank of ambassadors, in all countries that desired to send ambassadors to the United States. The presence of an ambassador at a foreign capital, gives the U. S. more precedence than can possibly be gotten by a minister, owing to the strict observance of diplomatic etiquette in those countries, which enables an ambassador from any little ten cent country to outrank a minister from the U. S., or any other large and powerful country, and consequently to have precedence of him everywhere.

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It having been shown to the satisfaction of the Senate Post Office Committee, that the charges against Mr. E. H. Bemus, nominated to be post-master at Jamestown, N. Y., and Representative Hooker, whose recommendation brought about the nomination, of having used money and a position on the House pay roll to secure the retirement of a rival candidate, were nothing more than an attempt to keep the Democratic post-master of that town, in office, the committee exonated Representative Hooker and Mr. Bemus, by favorably reporting the nomination of the latter to the Senate.

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Representative Boutell, of Ill., has the distinguished honor of being the first member of the present House to be renominated. His nomination was by acclamation, too. Pretty good for a man who is serving his first term.

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Senator Lindsey's declaration of independence of the silverites of the Kentucky legislature, and denial of their right to ask him to resign, would have impressed more people that it did, had he not preceded it by a vote for the Teller resolution, thus indicating a desire on his part to throw a sop to the silver element of his state. The man who voted for the Teller resolution need not expect to be believed when he says he is honestly opposed to the free coinage of silver.

Our Woman's .....Column

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

A POOR mother, hastening along the street with a baby in her arms and two little ones dragging at her skirts, came to a wide muddy crossing, before which she stood in a quandary, evidently wondering how to get her children across. A kind-hearted and richly dressed lady saw the dilemma, and lifted the two small folks in her arms across the troublesome place.

The poor woman was of a foreign country—a stranger in a strange land. She could not say anything in a language which her helper would understand. But her broken words of thanks were understood perfectly by her kind friend. Again, the richer woman could not say anything to which the poorer could attach any meaning. But the hand pressure, the lively nod, the smile—yes, even a word or two of praise and tenderness, accompanied by a pretty hand gesture, about the two pretty babies—were perfectly comprehended by the poor mother.

Then the two smiled and nodded at each other once more, and helper and helped each went her away. There is a language of kindness and mutual help which is comprehended by every human creature, and makes itself understood in every nation and through every language under the sun.

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BEGINNINGS IN HOUSEKEEPING.

Generous mothers and eager merchants from an almost irresistible combination against the economical instincts of the prospective bride or young housekeeper. Beginning wit the trousseau, a multiplicity of garments certain to outlast fashion or grow yellow with age is manifestly unnecessary. The boast that "my Emma had two dozen of each kind" is sorry reward for the labor and expense involved. The revolt against these extravagent ideas instinctively shows itself and the parent or friend who quells this justifiable uprising establishes a precedent in the life of the new home which mars or ruins that rightful joy which follows in the wake of simple wants and conscious freedom from debt. "But just how much must I have to last a year? We shall employ no helper, and yet will welcome an occasional guest over-night." Such a question in various forms is presented in some home almost daily. Given a cottage or small apartment, self-help, and a guest-room—required to find what amounts to table-linen and bedding are absolutely necessary for the first year in the bride's home.

Each bed should have for its outfit three pairs of pillow-cases for its square pillows; two pairs of sheets, which measures a full yard more than the length of the mattress, to insure undisturbed and protected covers; two white spreads, of a quality easily laundered and light in weight, and two pairs of large all-wool blankets, of which one pair should be found separately—these constitute the sole essentials. To them may be added a home-made quilt and comfortable.

The table-linen must include a best cloth for special occasions, three really good ones for general use, and two dozen napkins that will not shed lint. Of towels there is theoretically no limit to the needed variety. Practically, however, there are only a few that are absolutely indispensable. One dozen hem-stitched huck for bed-room use, one dozen checked linen for china, and one dozen crash for the kitchen, all maiden yard lengths, besides three roller-towels two and a half yard long, will easily supply the ordinary demand under the conditions imposed. Of course sickness, lavish hospitality, or even a delayed weekly wash-day would necessitate a larger supply in each case. A maxim profitably observed by a successful housekeeper is worth passing on for consideration in this connection. "Expense for essentials only, plus remunerative labor, equals thrift." With this in mind, one can easily determine how much can or must be added to the supply on hand in January, when the thoughts of thrifty housewives turn toward the linen-closet. Usually one pair of sheets and two pairs of pillow-cases are sufficient for the annual replenishing. Two table-cloths, one donzen napkins, and one-third the towel list added each year will insure ample comfort under ordinary conditions, and the added joy of conscious economy.

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IN WINTER.

Some women who spend many hours of every warm day in the open air retire to their houses and to furnace-heated rooms with the arrival of the first cold snap, and did not emerge all winter unless obliged to do so. Once a week they may go to church, but that is the extent of their fresh-air excursions. Then they wonder that they have frequent and heavy colds during the winter! One such woman was last winter engaged in an occupation that made it necessary for her to walk in all weathers a mile each day. She began the new regime with fear and trembling, only to find that she felt the cold less than ever before and that her usual severe attacks of influenza forgot to visit her. The pure, fresh air acted as a tonic on her system, and she underwent a hardening process which prevented her being susceptible to every change of atmosphere. Even if a woman dreads the cold, she must make out-door exercise a matter of conscience if she would keep health and spirits.

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CHOOSING ONE'S PATH.

When we are young our lives are chosen for us; when we get older we learn how to choose them for ourselves.

Looking back in that crisis which comes to most of us at some period of our lives, we see how, in the past, we have blindly allowed ourselves to be ruled by circumstances and by the rules of others, and our spirits sink before the conviction that the conflict will be long and serious before we can become masters of our own fate, instead of allowing fate to master us. "How easy it would have been," we say, "to accomplish our purpose years ago, if we had but been a little more adequate to the situation. But to-day—how hard! How much more complicated the same affair!"

Any life problem, no matter how hard, has some solution which can be found. Does not that truth impress itself upon our minds when we look back to see how simple would have been our particular problem in the old time if we had but risen a littlehigher to look at it in albetter light? And if we acknowledged the truth of this, can we not see that it must hold equally in the present case, although we have not yet got upon ground high enough to see how?

For the daily questions and problems of every-day life—even down to the smallest and meanest of them—are like the thick underbrush, the clinging vines, and the crowding trees of a close-growing wood through which we must travel, forcing our way, and finding, or rather making, the road which must lead us to our proper goal. Often we cut with difficulty a way which proves to lead in an entirely wrong direction, and we find it is wrong only when we have strayed far from the right line.

Now, if we did but know it, there is always at hand a little eminence which we may climb if we will and look down upon the road we are trying to make instead of staying in the thicket. And if in some quiet moment at night, or when we have a few moments leisure to overlook our problems, we mentally untangle the thicket in the proper direction, we will find that such quiet mental work helps greatly when we are in the midst of cutting the road again by-and-by. And so, in every-day life, we begin to find how we may choose our own way, instead of allowing it to be chosen for us by the tangles of the thick wood, which seems so dense, so insurmountable, while we are in its midst.

LITERARY NOTES.

A NEW FORM OF PERSONALITIES.

The old style of portraying famous people through a "sketch" or "biography" is to be modernized in The "Ladies Home Journal" during 1898. Five of the most prominent Americans have been chosen for the departure: President McKinley, Mrs. Cleveland, Mark Twain, Joseph Jefferson, and Thomas A. Edison. Each will have a special article, which will consist of about fifteen or twenty fresh, unpublished stories and ancedotes strung together, each anecdote showing some characteristic trait of presenting a different side of the subject. The idea is to show famous personalities through their own doings and sayings, an to make these articles accurate the relative and closest personal friends of the subjects have assisted and given to the Journal the best stories and anecdotes within their own knowledge. Each article will thus represent the closest view of the one sketched. No authorship will be attached to any of articles.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 12, 1898.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A.G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock. H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7 30 p. m Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—A civil service examination for postal clerk and carriers will be held in Wilmington on March 16.

—W. F Clements, near Smyrna, Del., will offer a fine lot of horses and cattle on the 16th inst.

—Photographs at Trinke'lere's, the cheapest and best. Give him a call.

—"Oh, mamma, do Christians eat preachers just like the cannibals do?" "Why, no my child. What put that notion in to your head?" "I heard Mrs. Deekon say that she was going to have her minister for lunch."

—New Upright Piano for sale cheap.
J. B. MESSICK.

—"Nico," the pet dog of Miss Dora Steele of Chesapeake City that went astray last week was found on the street in Middletown, Del., last Sunday by Frank Clayton, and returned to its owner.—Cecil Co. News.

FOR SALE—A well-bred young hors e cheap. J. C. PARKER.

—Because of high prices last spring many more acres of early white potatoes will be planted in Delaware than have been heretofore. High price of seed potatoes may check the increase some.

—50 Poland hogs and shoats will be sold by W. F. Clements at his sale on the 16th.

—President George A. Harter, of Delaware College, has invited the teachers of the State to meet at the college to-day for the purpose of presenting some methods on the subject of "Nature Study."

—FOR SALE—Chestnut posts and rails Apply to George Buckwith, St. Augustine, Md.

—Now is the time for weddings and parties, and the place to get handsome invitations printed cheap is at the TRANSCRIPT office. Our prices are less than half the city engravers charge.

—The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for next Sunday is "Called—to what? how?"

It's folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—The Epworth League meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 sharp in the lecture room of the M. E. Church. Subject for tomorrow evening is, "God's Untailing Promises," to be led by Mr. Geo. F. Wilson.

—The machinery which W. F. Clements will offer at his sale on the 16th inst. is about all new—this is where you can get bargains.

—House I now occupy for Rent. Possession December 1st. J. B. MESSICK.

—The Rev. H. D. Page, for some time a missionary at Osaka, Japan, will speak to Church Workers this afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Anne's S. S. Building. An address of interest may be expected. All persons are cordially invited to be present.

—WANTED.—Operators on Shirts. Apply to F. H. Burgess at Factory.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—The ladies of the mite society of Forest Presbyterian Church will hold a social on Friday evening, February 25th, 1898, at the Middletown Academy to which all are invited with the assurance that they will be entertained with music, recitations and refreshments. A silver offering at the door

—Lloyd Strawberry, the most prolific and popular to date plants for sale at one half market price.
H. W. Viven, Bridgeville, Del.

—FOR RENT.—One Dwelling on Main street and two in the rear.
MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

—The canners on the Peninsula are making contracts with the growers for tomatoes to pack during the coming season. The prices offered range from $5 to $7 a ton. The majority of the contracts have been made at $6 a ton, which is considered a fair price by the growers. The tomato pack this year is expected to be very la rge.

—For Rent—Dwelling house on Green Street now occupied by J. G. Bragdon. Possession March 25th 1898. Apply to
S. R. BAILEY, Smyrna, Del.

—Soloman Tribbet, colored, who said he came from Middletown, arrived at the police station on Saturday night, suffering from wounds received in a fight at Middletown. He had a deep gash on his chin, which he said was done with a pair of brass knuckles. He was sent to the Homœpathic Hospital.—Every Evening.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Aroused Suspicion.—"I dunno," remarked Plute Pete. "I'm beginnin to feel kind o' doubtful about that case." "Ye mean about that hoss thie wejes' tended to?" "Yes." "But he confessed." "I know it. An' it wasn't tell he confessed that I had doubts. There ain't no circumstances whatsomever under which I'd take his word fur anything."

—Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test, testimonials, prices, &c. address, J. W. LeGore, Woodsboro, Md.

—President McKinley's address at the Commercial Museum in Philadelphie was reported (by appointment) by a graduate of Goldey (Wil. Del.) Commercial and horthand. Send for Catalogue.

—The appeal for aid for the destitute of New Castle has resulted in the supplying of the applicants for the present. Wagons, laden with provisions have been received at the headquarters of the Associated Charities. David W. Elkinton, treasurer of the Associated Charities, stated that he had received checks and money to the amount of $600. This is in addition to other funds and provisions distributed through private sources.

—Capt. James Jackson, who was pilot on the steamer Brady last year, disconnected himself from the boat in December to attend to his property at Smyrna Landing. Capt. W. H. Long, who has been in charge of the boat for a year or so also gave up his place on Saturday to return to his home in New Jersey, and J. W. Watkins is acting as captain until a suitable captain can be secured.—Smyrna Times.

—FOR SALE.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office.

—John R. Jefferson of near Smyrna and his two brothers, Messrs. Charles H. and Thomas M. Jefferson, of Chestertown, Md., together with five others have fallen heirs to a large estate valued at over $200,000 by the death of their uncle, Mr. James J. Redsteake, in Salem N. J., last Thursday week. The deceased left no children and consequently his estate will be divided among his nephews and nieces, making over $25,000 a piece. Besides the Messrs. Jefferson, Mrs. George H. Snitcher of Chestertown will fall an equal heir.

NEW CENTURY CLUB.

The New Century Club of Middletown was formally organized on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dr. Chamberlaine.

A constitution which had been prepared by several who are interested in the progress of the club, was read and with very few exceptions adopted as read.

Thirty-nine names were enrolled as desiring membership. They are the following: Mrs. Dr. Chamberlaine, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, Mrs. John P. Cochran, Jr., Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, Mrs. I. S. Valandigham, Mrs Charles Derrickson, Mrs. G. F. Brady, Mrs. Geo. V. Peverly, Mrs. Jacob Cochran, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs, Frank Pennington, Mrs. George Derrickson, Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mrs. Lucy Green, Mrs. Clara Green, Misses Elizabeth Hall, Blanche Cochran, Mable Parvis. Anna Derrickson, Mary Rothwell. Annie Ellison, Allie McKee, Bessie Foard, Laura Willits, Mary Cochran, Lydia Cochran, Bessie Auderson, Ethel Brady, Agnes Cochran, Lucy Cochran, Salye Cochran, Helen Clayton and Bessie Reynolds, Mrs. Alice Conwell, Mrs. Chas. Ritchie.

The next meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms that association having rented to the Club the use of a room one afternoon in the week, and in the evening when desired.

Officers will be elected at the coming meeting, next Tuesday, February 15th at 4 o'clock, and the club will be established on a firm basis.

It is hoped that many more will realize the benefit this "long felt want," and the membership may reach 100 soon.

Success to The New Century Club of Middletown.

Esquire Richard Ferguson.

Some one has said "An honest man is the noblest work of God." A truly noble man was 'Squire Richard Ferguson judged by the test of honesty and by a daily Christian life. The 'Squire died suddenly at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Richard C. Brockson, in Blackbird Hundred on Monday morning of heart trouble. He has not been well of late but none of his friends thought the end so near. He was ill but a few days and death was sudden. He was 65 years old.

'Squire Ferguson left a large circle of relatives besides numerous friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. C. B. Satterfield of this town is a sister, as is also Mrs. R. C. Brockson at whose home he died. Hon Colen Ferguson Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register in Chancery, and Dr. B. B. Ferguson, of Blackbird, are brothers. Hon. John B. Moore who was Third Assistant Secretary of State under Secretaries Bayard and Blaine is a nephew, and elsewhere spoken of in the New York letter. The 'Squire's pleasant disposition made him innumerable friends wherever he went.

In 1884 he was elected to the General Assembly and in 1890 he was appointed Justice of the Peace of Middletown by the late Gov. B. T. Biggs. He was in fact a peace officer, always advising peaceable settling of differences His rejection for reappoitment last fall was because of a conscientious decision in a case before him about a year ago, one in which his decision was upheld by the Court. He was above small things.

A concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the M. E. Churchyard of this town beside his wife on Wednesday, many driving a long distance to pay this mark of respect. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church of this town and his pastor, Rev. I. L. Wood, officiated. A truly good man has gone.

Without Money, Without Price.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—May I use your columns to call attention to some facts regarding the Reading Room of the Y. M. C. A. which, I find, are not generally known? The room is open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. for the use of all men, young or old, who appreciate its privileges, whether they are members of the Association or not. It has been found necessary to debar boys under sixteen unless they are accompanied by a member but this is the only limitation. The room is heated, lighted and comfortably furnished. Its tables bear a generous supply of fresh literature, one New York, one Wilmington and three Philadelphia dailies, Harpers Weekly, Puck, Judge, the Century, Harper's Monthly and a number of other periodicals. There is a small library of interesting books. A table is supplied with the needful facilities for one wishing to write a personal or business letter. It is a pleasant place at which to spend a leisure half hour or to meet a friend by appointment. In every way the room is a credit to our town, but the point to which I especially wish to draw attention is that these privileges are free and intended for the use of the public.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM J. WILKIE,

kMiddletown, Del., February 8, 1898.

OLD SUSSEX.

James M. Moore, a well-known citizen of Bethel, was buried there yesterday afternoon. He was 72 years old.

The "Houston Tract" of 218 acres of finest farming land in Sussex county, property of William Q. Carter, deceased near Lewes was sold at public sale by order of the Orphans' Court, to William H. Virden, for $7,000

The first step taken by the new Board of Commissioners of Lewes for the town's improvement is an order issued to all the property holders on the main street s leading from the new Queen Anne station on pilottown to the P. R. R. Station at the opposite side of town, to pave their sidewalks, the town to bear a certain proportion of the expenses incurred by the improvement.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Allie McKee is visiting friends in Baltimore.

—Mrs. John P. Cochran, Jr., gave a card party Thursday evening.

—Hugh C. Browne, Esqr., of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

—Dr. Martin W. Barr, of Elwin, is spending the week with his mother.

—Mr. E. M Vaughan is the guest of Mr. Stacy Smith, of Newark, N. J.

—Dr. H. Vaughan who has been indisposed for a week, is out again.

—Mr. William Radd spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Matilda Budd.

—Mr. Henry DeValinger, who has been quite ill this week, is convalescent.

—Mr. Edward Reynolds is ill of typhoid fever at his home on South Broad street.

—Mrs. W. F. Kennedy spent several days with friends in Wilmington, this week.

—Miss Grace Parvis spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, in Wilmington.

—Mr. C. F. Crockett, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Crocket near town.

—Mrs. Ella Cochran is visiting her cousins, Mr. Willard Hanson and sister, in the Monumental City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harman gave a reception last evening to their son, Mr. Horace Harman and bride, at their home near Townsend.

—Miss Mary Shallcross gave a card party last evening in honor of her guests, Misses Shallcross, Mather and Townsend, of Pennsylvania. A number of our young people attended and spent a pleasant evening.

—The Baltimore papers announce that Mayor W. T. Malster will be married at high noon Tuesday to Mrs. Anna Hardcastle, of Chesapeake City, the ceremony to be performed at that town. It will be a quiet home wedding.—Cecil Co. News.

—Miss Sarah Reynolds, sister of Mr. John A. Reynrlds of this town, died at her home in Newark, Delaware, on Tuesday afternoon, February 8th She was well known in this community. W. R. Reynolds, Esqr., a nephew, attended the funeral.

—Mr. Edwin Prettyman, of Smyrna, recently of this town, has not typhoid fever as was reported. His many friends here will be glad to learn that he returned on Wednesday to Smyrna where Mr. and Mrs. Prettyman are guests of Mr. C. P. Gears.

—Miss Adda Foard, who is visiting friends in Nyack, N. Y., was fortunately one of a party who recently visited Andres Prison, at Tappan, known since the Revolution as the "76" stonehouse. The house was partly blown down last November and has been rebuilt since and its formal opening to the public last week was for the first time in forty years.

KENT COUNTY.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Ridgely, of Dover, who several weeks ago set out for Florida, have extended their trip to Cuba.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Dover and the greatest precautions are being taken by the town officials to prevent the spread of the disease.

The venerable Manlove Hayes, who has been a director of the First National Bank of Dover, since its foundation, has resigned in order to divest himself of some of his business cares.

John Cummings the oldest resident of Leipsic died Friday at the residence of his daughter in that place. His death was due to old age. He was close to 100 years old, and some of his children now living are between 60 and 70 years of age, the oldest being the last named age.

Moses Harrington, a well known and respected Kent Countian, died at his home at Farmington, about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, at the ripe old age of 93 years. He had served the State as State Senator and Register of Wills with mucir credit. His father, Benjamin Harrington, lived to be 100. Four children survive the deceased as follows: Mrs. Harriet Atkinson, wife of the late W. A. Atkinson, of Dover Charles J. Harrington, the present Register of Wills; Miss Alexine Harrington, and George Harrington, Justice of the Peace at Farmington. The funeral took place yesterday.

Home Wedding at Green Spring.

HARMAN—REYNOLDS.

A very pretty but quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reynolds near Green Spring, on Wednesday, February 9th, at 12 o'clock M., when their youngest daughter, Miss Viola, was united in marriage to Mr. Horace I. Harman by Rev. W. W. White, of Warwick, assisted by Dr. F. H. Moore, of Middletown. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds, of Townsend. The bride was very becomingly attired in mauve surah serge trimmed in white bengaline and carried a handsome bouquet of white carnations and maiden ferns. The groom wore the conventional black. The house was very prettily decorated with potted plants, holly, mistletoe and evergreen. The bridal party stood under an arch of evergreen on which was suspended a bell of mistletoe covered in pearl-like berries. After receiving the congratulations of those present, they were invited to the dining room where the delicacies of the season were served in abundance. The bride received many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Harman will reside near Townsend, where the groom is engaged in a prosperous milling business.

DON'T.

I might have just the mostest fun
If 'twasn't for a word,
I think the very worstest one
'At ever I have heard,
I wish 'at it 'ud go away,
But I'm afraid it won't,
I s'pose 'at it'll always stay—
That awful word of "don't."

It's "don't you make a bit of noise."
And "don't go out of doors,"
And "don't you spread your stock of toys
About the parlor floor;"
And "don't you dare play in the dust,"
And "don't you tease the cat,"
And "don't you get your clothing mussed."
and "don't" do this and that.

It seems to me I've never found
A thing I'd like to do,
But that there's some one else around
'At's got a "don't" or two.
And Sunday—'at's the day 'at "don't
In worst of all the seven.
Oh, goodness, but I hope there won't
Be any don'ts in heaven.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post-office which can be had by saying they are advertised: George Chester, Ella R. N. Rhodes, Charles Redden, Henry Belegne, Henry P. Bellinge, Katie Brown, Lambert Williams.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. Will Rose is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Dr. Malcolm Council was a Philadelphia visitor Monday.

Mr. Richard Tucker, of Philadelphia, was at home this week.

Miss Buckson, of Stanton, has been spending a few days with Mrs. Eliza Appleton.

Mr. French, of New York, has been the guest of Mr. George L. Townsend, Jr., this week.

Miss Bessie George, of Camden, Del., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ophelia George.

Mr. Columbus Watkins attended Canners' Convention in Buffalo and Oswego, N. Y. this week.

Mrs. Belle Davis, of Camden, N. J., spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ophelia George.

Madame Celestp, the whistler, gave an exhibition in the Hall Thursday evening. It was quite well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Clayton, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W.O. Hurst on Sunday evening

Mr. Hewes and family, of Delaware City, have moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Leonard A. Rhodes.

Captain and Mrs. Tracy and little son, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tracy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Gremminger.

The Epworth League held a Consecration Service on Wednesday evening. Next Wednesday evening they will resume the studies of the life of Paul.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Mailly, on Saturday evening. The entertainment committee presented a pleasant programme. After all had enjoyed a game of clumps, Misses Helen Townsend and Frances Aspril favored them with an instrumental duet. When the refreshments were passed each person found on his or her plate a slip of paper on which was written his or her fortune. Some of the fortunes were very funny and caused much merriment among the young people.

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Miss Gertie Goldsboro is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Freeman Walker, near town.

Miss Nina Scott spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harry Knotts, of Langhorn, Pa., has been visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Mollie Gill has returned from a visit to Newark and Wilmington.

Miss Lizzie Collins, of Greenspring, is a guest of Mrs. James Tay lor.

The meetings at the M. E. Church have been quite interesting during the week. There have been several conversions.

The Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting in the W. T. C. U. headquarters on Saturday evening.

Wm. Shockley accidently shot himself through the left hand while examining a revolver one day last week.

Mrs. Burson and daughter, Miss Lydia, of Odessa, are guests of Mrs. I. Pritchard.

The home of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, near Greenspring was the seen of a pretty wedding on Wednesday at 12 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Viola, daughter of Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Horace Harman of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. White, of the M. P. Church, Warwick, assisted by Rev. F. H. Moore, D.D., of Forest Presbyterian Church, Middletown. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Harman a happy life.

It is not a remedy put up by any Tom, Dick or Harry; it is compounded by expert pharmacists. Ely Bros. offer a ten cent trial size. Ask your druggist. Full size Cream Balm 50 cents. We mail it.
ELY Bros.' 56 Warren St., N. Y. City

Since 1861 I have been a great sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely,s Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

KISSING AS A FAD.

To kiss or not to kiss—is the question of the day in Atlanta, Ga. A special to the Baltimore Sun on Thursday said:

Social circles in Atlanta are in a stir over the developments attending the publication of a recent letter from Mrs. Joseph Kingsberry, a prominent society woman, who took as her topic the too great prevalence of the "kissing fad" here.

The question has been vehemently discussed pro and con by the members of uppertendom and by other people. In a chat on the subject today Mayor C. A. Collier said:

"As mayor of the city it would probably not be proper for me to give an official opinion regarding such a question, and one, too, which the learned men of all great nations are unable to decide to the satisfaction of all persons. When I was young and everything in my life was sunshine, I was heartly in favor of kissing. Of course, the girl had to be pretty and the time and place acceptable. Now that I have passed that period I do not feel that I should hamper the rights of others. Kissing is an art, and both the giver and receiver should be experts to secure the proper effect. Seriously speaking, love should be the judge in all such cases."

Mr. John F. Barclay, a Sunday-school superintendent and a well-known business man, entertains emphatic views against kissing. He said:

"I do not by any means approve kissing among young people. As a mark of affection between brothers and sisters I think it is all right. Outside of this I do not approve it at all. When I was a boy children were made to kiss whenever they had a falling out. My parents often said to me: 'John, come and kiss your sister,' or, 'John, come and kiss your brother., I don't think young couples ought to kiss even when they are engaged. They ought to wait until they get married. If I had tried to kiss my wife before I was married to her I would have been knocked out into the middle of the street."

Forrest Adair, a well-known society man, and chairman of the board of county commissioners said: "I deem it unfair to form conclusions from the instances of improper kissing cited by Mrs. Kingsberry. Evidently the leading man in each case was a brainless chump or an awkward tyro; surely he was not an artist in that line."

Other promient men, including Superior Court judges and several ministers, express diverging views. The controversy is waxing hotter.

To-Night and To-Morrow Night.
And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle to-day and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

DELAWARE CITY.

Miss Annie Hickey is visiting in Chester, Pa.

Miss Agnes Vail spent a few days in town this week.

Miss Nellie Swan, has returned from Stanton.

Miss Clayton VonCulin spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Eugene Reybold has returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. F. C. Warner visited in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Dr. W. M. Ogle spent a few days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. John H. Canning, of Wilmington, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Lidie Bradway has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

Rev. L. A. Oates was called away very unexpectedly on Wednesday.

Miss Cora Biggar has been visiting Miss Nellie Crossland near St. Georges.

Miss Irene Benson from near Wilmington has been visiting Mrs. Lena Linn.

Miss Lucille Martindale was a guest at the M. E. parsonage over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson have returned from a visit to Wilmington.

The number of workmen at the Battery is still on the decrease—also the wages.

Mr. John Jarrell visited his sister, Mrs. F. Newkirk in Wilmington this week.

Miss Blanche Higgins, of Woodbury, N. J., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Schunder.

Rev. J. Vanbroker, of Salisbury, Md., will officiate in Christ Church next Sunday.

Mr. Chas. M. Curtis, of Wilmington, officiated as lay-reader in Christ Church last Sunday.

Rev. H. L. C. Braddon has assumed the duties of rector, temporarily, of St. Luke's, Chelsea, Mass.

Mrs. E. Hance entertained her sisters and her brother Harry and his bride on Wednesday of last.

Mr. John Roberts has had a force of men employed for several days this week filling his ice house.

Mr. Harwood Ayers, of Chestertown, Md., was in town last week. Mr. Ayers is quite successful in business in Chestertown.

H. C. Clark is about to venture another speculation. A furniture store will be opened in the near future in Alexander's Hall.

The Linda broke the ice in the Canal on Saturday preparatory to closing the canal for a short time in order to repair the St. Georges locks.

Under the new regime it is not possible to buy milk at the creamery now. The selling is now in the hands of Joseph Warren at his own house.

The Peckard lots near the M. E. Church were sold on Saturday by the Sheriff. The agent of the property, T. Bayard Heisel, purchased them for $100.

There was no prayer-meeting held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening on account of the sudden departure of the pastor.

The little three year old boy of Mr. Saxon's returned from the Jefferson College Hospital about a week ago where an operation had been performed on his leg. The brave little fellow is doing nicely and is as bright and cheerful as possible.

Robert Wadsley whose death occurred suddenly of paralysis on Tuesday at his home on the Oglethorpe farm near Hare's Corner was a former resident of this town. His wife Eliza will be remembered as the daughter of John and Ann Bowen who were also residents of Delaware City.

Delaware City Public School enrolled for month of January 193. Attending every day during the month 49. Attending every day since September 1, 5. Those having an average of 90 per cent. or over are:—Mollie Aker, Bessie Davidson, Eugene Reybold, Eva Collins, Willie Wingate, Georgie Clark, Bessie Swan, Harry Steelman, May Evernham and Donold Cheairs of the High School Department. Lillian Armstrong, Mattie Hicken, Mabel Hicken, Mira Nickle, Alice Reybold, Laura Yound, Edna Silver, Lina Aaron, Lottie Adler, Caroline Clark, Edna Vanhekle and Florence Lee of the Grammar Department. Helen Jester, Mary Schaefer, Charlie Trynd, Clara Swan, Blanche Hewes, Morton Price and Carl Adler of the Intermediate Department. Albert Clayton, Carl Aker, Lionel Bright, Benjamin Butterworth, Morgan Williams, Thomas Warren, Lydia Nickle, Isabella Reybold, Alice Hickey, Mary Jester, Mariam Price, Alice Woods, Sadie Woods and Mguerite Mulligan of the Primary Department.

Public Sales

Saturday, February 12th, 1898.—Sale of Stock and Personal Property by J. L. Smith, on the "Hayes Farm," one mile north of Middletown.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by Jesse L. Shepherd, on the farm known as the 'Caulk Farm," near Sassafras, Md.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1898.—Sale of Stock and Farm Implements, &c., by W. F. Clements on Theodore Cavender's farm, State Road, near Smyrna.

Thursday, February 17th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by John W. Voshell, at his residence, on the W. R. Cochran farm, one mile West of Middletown.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1898.—Sale of Stock, Household Goods. &c., by W. B. Williams on the "Holten Farm," 2½ miles west of Middletown.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1898.—Sale of Personal Property on Home Farm by Jonathan K. Williams, near Odessa.

Thursday, February 24th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by F. P. VanHekel, Sr., on the home farm, near Delaware City.

A State Senator Dead.

Robert J. Hanby, who was elected to the State Senate in 1894, died at his home in Brandywine Hundred on Thursday morning of apoplexy. He had been in Dover on Wednesday, and that morning had used some harsh words in a controversy with Senator Alrichs over a bill, words which according to a newspaper correspondent he subsequently regretted very much. Not feeling well he left the Senate Chamber at noon, returning to his home. Feeling tired he retired early and was taken ill about 9 o'clock. Mrs. Hanby aroused the household, a physician was summoned but death came shortly after 1 o'clock.

Mr. Hanby was born in Brandywine Hundred, January 20, in 1834. He served in the One Hundred and Twenty Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment and bears a scar for the service. He was a farmer and interested himself in politics. He was one of the four members of the Legislature, elected as Republicans who on May 9th 1895, conspired to prevent the election of a Senator His was a genial disposition and he had lived a few years longer he would have probably regretted the act. The deceased leaves two sons by his first wife and a daughter by his widow.

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By order of the Directors,
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.
Odessa, Del., Feb. 2d, 1898.

PUBLIC SALE!

By direction of the National Dredging Co., of Wilmington, Delaware, will be exposed to public sale at Collins Beach, Delaware,

On Thursday, FEB. 17th, 1898,

at 12 o'clock noon,

The following described Personal Property, viz:

5 Head of Horses:

No. 1.—Black Horse, 9 years old, 16 hands high.
No. 2.—Black Mare, 9 years old; 16 hands high.
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No. 3.—Sorrel Horse, 8 years old, 16 hands high.
No. 4.—Gray Mare, 7 years old, 15½ hands high.
No. 5.—Gray Mare, 6 years old, 15½ hands high.
Nos. 4 and 5 have been worked together in all harness.

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ABRAM STAATS,

Agent to effect sale for National Dredging Co.
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Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL, FEB. 12, 1898.

Of Interest to Farmers

SOWING RED CLOVER IN OATS.

Common red clover is a great soil renovator in the central west, and in fact all over the corn-growing region. Of late years it has been extremely difficult to get a good stand and as a consequence the area has been much smaller than it should have been. Last season, however, the prevalence of much moist, damp weather enabled farmers to successfully seed quite an area.

The most successful method, take one year from another, seems to be in seeding the clover with oats in the spring. Some farmers still object to this plan, saying that the oa's foliage is so heavy the clover will be smothered out before cutting time. This may be true provided the usual amount of oats is sown per acre, but in quite extended experiments made by the practical farmers in central Illinois, it has been conclusively demonstrated that particularly during dry seasons and seasons when there is a dry period some time during the summer, clover "catches" much more readily when seeded in oats provided about half the usual amount of oats seed, or 1½ bu. and double the ordinary amount of clover seed, 20-25 lbs. per acre are used.

The plan adopted by those most successful, is to plow the ground shallow, as is ordinarily done for oats, or disk it thoroughly if it is clean and mellow. Then sow the 1½ bu oats per acre and harrow them in. If the ground is in good condition at the beginning, go over it only once with the harrow, but if it is rough, two workings may be necessary. After this sow on the clover seed and cover by one harrowing, aiming always to get the clover seed about one or one and one-fourth inches below the surface. If the season is at all favorable the clover plant will come up and being partially shaded when it is tender, will get a good top growth and develop excellent roots by the time the oats crop is ready to be cut. After harvest, the clover will receive more sun and will grow nicely. In many cases it will furnish a good fall pasture, and in some instances even gets high enough to make a crop of hay. It is not advisable, however, to fall pasture this clover or to mow it. Let it die down and it will form a mulch which will protect the roots during the winter and be beneficial in conserving moisture in the spring. When clover is to be sown with oats, it is best to do the seeding as early as possible, so that the clover-plant will get a good start before the grain crop is removed.

If the season promises to be a wet one, good results in sowing clover can be obtained by putting the seed on winter grains along about the middle of March or possibly a little later. The slight freezing and thawing at that time will cover the seed and it will be ready to start when warm weather comes. The one great difficulty with this plan is, if there happens to come a dry time during the spring the clover plant is liable to be killed, as the roots are so near the surface that they cannot withstand dry weather. In some cases it is possible to sow the clover seed on the winter grains in the spring after the frost has left the ground and while the surface is still mellow, then go over the ground with a smoothing harrow and cover the clover seed. It might appear that the smoothing harrow would tear out the wheat or other grain, but although the treatment looks severe at the time of the crop usually is the better for this harrowing. The ground is compacted and in a week or two a field so treated will be further along than if it had not been harrowed.

Manuring Winter Grain.

There is no better time to top dress winter grain than late fall. If it is done after the ground is frozen, it will be all the better. The loose soil will not only poach less, but the manure lying over its frozen surface will prevent the alternate freezing and thawing which is more trying to winter grain than is continued cold weather. Besides, if the winter grain field is seeded with clover in the spring, as it always should be, the top dressing of manure will be just what the young clover needs to give it protection early and make it grow vigorously later in the season.—American Cultivator.

By the Way.

A New York exchange reports the failure of the only skunk farm in Maine.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the New Jersey state board of agriculture will be held at the statehouse, Trenton, Jan. 12, 13 and 14.

It is claimed that Genesee county, N. Y., is well adapted to sugar beet culture. Spurred by the success of the factory in Rome, capitalists are prospecting at Batavia with a view of erecting a plant there.

Professor Goessmann at the Massachusetts Agricultural college demonstrated 25 years ago the possibilities of the sugar beet and the weaknesses of sorghum.

Dr. Hines said that the most important factor in raising sugar beets is procuring the proper seed of the white varieties. In New York Kleinwanzlebener [illegible] be used.

HOW TO CIRCUMVENT RATS.

Methods That Are Practiced With More or Less Success by Farmers.

An unusual interest has been aroused in the destruction of rats this season because of the great number found in corncribs and in the vicinity of poultry houses. The loss from this source has been considerable, to say nothing of the annoyance. American Agriculturist calls attention to some of the more successful methods practiced for their extermination. If trouble in corncribs is to be avoided next year, set the buildings on posts 18 inches high, and around the top tack a strip of old tin or invert a tin pan and place it over the top of the post. This will not always keep them out, but will do much toward preventing their entrance.

Where cribs are on the ground and have been undermined by these pests a number of methods of getting rid of them, more or less successful, have been suggested. If a well trained ferret and a good rat dog can be secured, great numbers can be killed in a short time. The ferret will go into the holes under the crib and run out the rats, which can then be disposed of by means of the dog or guns. After the rats have been well cleaned out by this means they seldom return or at least not for a long time.

In closed bins, where carbon bisulphide can be used, they can be got rid of in a short time. Merely place an open dish full of the chemical on top of the grain and permit it to evaporate. It will permeate every point and kill all living creatures. In using the bisulphide remember that it is very inflammable, and all lights and fires must be kept away from the building while it is being applied.

During the last few years rabbits, gophers, prairie dogs, mice and rats have been killed by catching one of the animals and inoculating it with a virus prepared especially for this purpose. Release the animal, and it will spread contagion among all the rats on the place, often resulting in clearing a farm. This virus can be obtained from large drug stores and is good for use from 10 to 13 days after it has been put up. If the animal cannot be caught to be inoculated, the virus may be mixed with food and fed to the rats, when it will take effect in the same way. The advantage of this virus is that while it is death to rodents it does not affect domestic animals or human beings. In this it has a great advantage over strychnine, rough on rats, etc., according to the authority quoted.

Filling Washouts.

A Pennsylvanian asks Country Gentleman: "What would you advise as the best material for using to fill up washouts from one to three feet deep? The fields are stubble fields, with young clover on, and intended to mow next summer. The washouts were caused by heavy rains last fall. Is there anything better than stones, and these to be filled in to the depth of plowing?" The reply is as follows:

Stones will serve admirably for filling up these washouts, but care should be taken not to put in too many, or in future years the soil will be so shallow above the stones as to interfere with the plow. If the washouts could be filled to within about a foot of the surface with stone and these covered with cornstalks, or sods from waste places, or even with straw, then a back furrow thrown upon them and the plowing continued up and down the incline until the surface was very level, the results would be satisfactory. We are not sure that it would not be a good plan to deepen the shallow washouts by digging a ditch a foot deep and eight inches wide and filling it with stones. This will serve as a drain, and should an excessive quantity of rain fall in future years much of it would quickly find its way to this underground drain, thereby relieving the danger of washouts.

Value of Corn Silage.

Director Voorhees, New Jersey station, after making comparative tests of corn silage and field dried corn fodder for milk and butter production, arrives at the following conclusions:

1. That the cost of harvesting, storing and preparing the dry matter contained in corn was greater in the form of silage than in the form of dried fodder. 2. That the changes that occur in the composition of silage were not such as to decrease its feeding value in a greater degree than those which occur in the process of dry curing corn fodder. 3. That for milk and butter production the feeding value of the dry matter of the silage was greater than that of the dried fodder corn. The yield of milk was 12.8 per cent greater and the yield of butter fat 10.4 per cent greater. 4. At 1 cent per pound for the milk produced the value of the corn crop was near $10 per acre greater when fed in the form of silage than in the form of dry fodder.

This test was from a field of 15 acres that yielded only 11.25 tons of silage to the acre. From this it will be seen that when one has ten acres of a fair growth of corn (112.5 tons), it would pay for a $100 silo the first year, to ensile it instead of feeding it dry.

Celery For Market.

Under ordinary circumstances good celery always finds ready sale, usually at fair prices, though not always at prices the grower would like to receive. It should be bright and well blanched, rusty and spindling heads always being neglected when the supply is good. The localities in which it is grown use various sized boxes, the essentials being a flat package tightly packed. A box holding from 6 to 12 dozen seems to meet with most favor.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

An Arkansas correspondent of Rural New Yorker says:

To keep sweet potatoes successfully requires a moderately dry atmosphere and a temperature from 50 to 70 F A temperature much below 45 degrees for any length of time would be likely to result disastrously. An ordinary potato cellar requires the temperature to be kept too low to be an ideal place for sweet potatoes. If I had a few potatoes and wished to keep them, I would use a good sized box or barrel, stratify the tubers with perfectly dry sand or chaff and put them in some warm room in the dwelling where the above conditions could be secured. If no such place could be found, then I would set the barrel or box in the potato cellar. Being thus stratified would at least keep them from sudden changes of temperature, even in the cellar, which would be no little advantage to them.

The First Sugar Factory.

The beet sugar factory at Rome, N. Y., is the first one to operate east of the Mississippi river. The factory is a co-operative one, the farmers raising beets, taking for this season their pay in stock. The company expects to use about 20,000 tons of beets this season and will turn out white and brown sugar. J. M. Hines, an agent of the agricultural department, claims that some of the beets analyzed show a percentage of sugar from 15 to 17 per cent, 13 per cent being the estimate for profit. He says that as fine beets can be raised in New York as in California

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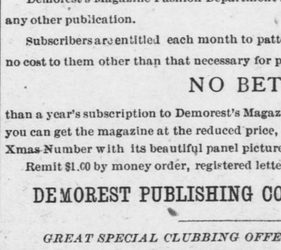

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Philadelphia	f7 25	10 20	12 02	f3 46	5 29	11 10
Baltimore	6 25	9 05	12 05	3 00	5 30	7 52
Wilmington	8 13	11 04	2 51	4 27	6 55	11 56
Farnhurst	f8 22		f3 00		f7 04	
New Castle	8 27	f11 21	3 05	4 39	7 19	
State Road	f8 33		f3 10		f7 14	
Bear	f8 38		f3 15	f4 49	7 9	
Porter	8 45		f3 20	4 52	7 55	
Kirkwood	8 50		f3 25		7 30	
Mt. Pleasant	8 59		f3 34		7 38	
Armstrong	f9 03				f7 42	
Middletown	9 08	11 50	3 43	5 18	7 8	12 39
Townsend	9 17		3 52	5 28	7 56	
Blackbird	f9 22		f3 58		f8 01	
Gr'n Spring	f9 27		f4 07		f8 07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	4 13	5 42	8 13	12 67
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11 57	4 02	5 20	8 03	
Brenford	f9 38		f4 18		f8 18	
Cheswold	f9 43		f4 23		f8 24	
Dupont			f4 26			
Dover	9 58	12 23	4 32	5 59	8 51	1 16
Wyoming	10 05	f12 29	4 39	6 05	8 40 a	1 24
Woodside	f10 11			f6 11	f8 47	
Viola	f10 15			f6 15	f8 51	
Felton	10 20	f12 40		6 20	8 56 a	1 38
Harrington	10 34	12 53		6 33	9 17	1 50
Farmington	f10 42	a 1 00		f6 41	f9 15	
Greenwood	f10 50	f 1 08		f6 49	f9 23	
Bridgeville	10 58	f 1 16		6 57	9 31 a	2 1
Cannons	f11 03			f7 01	f9 36	
Seaford	11 13	1 27		7 10	9 45	2 26
Laurel	11 23	f 1 37		7 19	9 55 a	2 38
Delmar	11 38	1 46		7 29	10 05	2 50

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	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	11 38		7 00	8 00	2 15	5 39
Laurel	f 1 21		7 11	8 16	2 25	5 51
Seaford	1 34		7 23	8 24	2 35	6 6
Cannons			f 7 31	f 8 31		f 6 04
Bridgeville	f 1 48		7 37	8 37	f 2 46	6 11
Greenwood			f7 45	f 8 45	f 2 54	f 6 19
Farmington			f 7 53	f 8 53		f 6 27
Harrington	2 22		8 05	9 06	3 08	6 40
Felton	f 2 33		8 14	9 16	f 3 18	6 49
Viola			f8 18	f 9 20		f 6 53
Woodside			f8 22	f 9 24		f 6 57
Wyoming	p 2 46	6 57	f8 29	9 31	f 3 30	7 05
Dover	2 52	7 03	8 35	9 38	3 36	7 11
Dupont		f7 08				
Cheswold		f7 13		f 9 48		f 7 20
Brenford		f7 18		f 9 53		f 7 25
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Clayton	3 09	7 24	8 53	9 59	3 54	7 36
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Townsend		7 39	9 06	10 13	4 07	7 49
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